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Remarks

The priority application includes claims 1-37. Claims 1-3 and 15-37 were canceled by previous preliminary amendment, dated September 8, 1999. Claims 4-14 are pending in this divisional application.


Claim Amendments

The present application is a divisional of USSN 09/295,125, filed April 20, 1999 as a divisional of USSN 08/733,803 (now USP 6,017,768), filed October 18, 1996 as a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/552,698 (now USP 5,821,130), filed November 3, 1995 as a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/436,120, filed May 8, 1995 as a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/239,302, filed May 6, 1994. The subject matter of claim 4 is entitled to the earliest claimed priority date.

The amendments to R¹ are supported at page 14, lines 6-7; the amendment to R⁴ and R⁵ is supported at page 6, line 16; the amendment to R¹² is supported at page 8, lines 1-3, the amendment to R¹⁴ is supported at page 8, line 12; and the amendment to R¹⁷ is supported at page 60, line 22. Dependent claims 7, 10, 11 and 14 have been amended accordingly. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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